

HARDING SEES GREAT FUTURE FOR NATION

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 'America Must Keep Her
 Hat on Straight,' He Tells
 Admirers in Maine.
TO BE A MIGHTY POWER
 Soils, at Midnight, From

TALKS TO ILL SOLDIERS
Promises Men Who Were Gassed in War That He Will Do All Possible for Them.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
POLAND SPRINGS, Me., Aug. 5.—President Harding brought his New England trip to an end to-day with a 140 mile automobile journey across Maine to Portland to board the Mayflower for Washington. The yacht steamed at midnight and is due at the capitol at noon Tuesday.

It was dusk when the party reached Westbrook, where one of the biggest crowds of the entire New England trip

awaited the President. The President repeated in effect the speeches on disarmament that he has made during the week.

"To come here and say to you how grateful we are for the cordial greeting we have received in the States of Maine and New Hampshire.

"I have thought what a change has come about. You haven't gathered here to greet me personally, because when I've been here before you scarcely noticed it. But you have come to me to-night because I am your spokesman. When a man is a candidate for office he is always seeking to come among you and make himself heard, but when a man is in office the people want him to come among them and he ought to come among them and be heard and hear from them.

"That's as it should be, for this is a

Things Turned Upside Down.

"Let me tell you also that it is a difficult thing to conduct the Government of the United States. We have just emerged from a cataclysmic world war. Things have been turned upside down. It is a time when America must keep her hat on straight, when America must be confident of herself. I would like to say in passing that I have more confidence in America to-night than I ever had before. But I think that the world, America has found her soul and has found the inspiration to become not only the first great Republic of the earth, and the first great Republic of the future. Power in the world, leading mankind to higher and higher levels.

"Knowing your sentiment, I have recently decided to seek the great nations of the earth to meet with us around the council table and look each other in the face. As our neighbors should look each other in the face and ask each other why there should be any war. We are going to have that kind of a conference, and I

term of office is done to be able to say that our America somehow appealed to the conscience of mankind and that in the awakening of that conscience we put aside conflict. That's a fine ideal for America.

The start for home from Mount Prospect was made at about 9:30 o'clock. At the last minute the President consented to take an indirect route over part of the journey turning off at Bridgton, Me., and going to Orono to see the place that was to be a camp for soldiers who were gassed, and when the President heard that the men wished to see him he changed plans. A hundred

The party had luncheon at the Poland Spring House and the President, with Senator Hiram Bingham, Secretary of the Hay-Pauline Foundation, Secretary Christian, went out immediately for a foursome on the Poland Spring course. A big gallery was on hand.

George Henry Harding of Baldwin, Me., is one of the proudest boys in New England to-day. He was selected to caddy for the President and he

was cheerfully greeted. The President and Mrs. Hale were to spend a future day with Jim Barnes and properly hold up their family name.

On reaching Portland the President and the home of Mrs. Eugene Hale, the mother of Senator Frederick Hale and widow of the late Senator Eugene Hale. Though in her eighties Mrs. Hale was hale and gave the President a warm reception. She is distinguished by the fact that she is the daughter of a Senator and is the mother of a Senator.

The attention to the President was held in the Hale home in State street, a fine old Colonial mansion, and attracted the attention of the President and Mrs. Harding receiving all of those who gathered in front of the house.

It was nearly noon before the President and his party, which had dwindled somewhat, boarded the Mayflower for Washington. Senator Hale accompanied the President and Mrs. Harding to the station and Mrs. Frelinson was left by train.

**HENRY FORD BUYS
TWO STEEL COMPANIES**

**Takes Over Independent
Plants in Pittsburgh, Report.**

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
Pittsburgh, Aug. 6.—Henry Ford has

closed negotiations for the purchase of the Superior Steel Company and the Union Electric Steel Company, according to strong reports in financial circles here. Both companies have their plants in Gary.

Confirmation of the reported purchase could not be had here to-day in the absence of officials of both companies authorized to speak. The Superior Steel Company is one of the largest independent plants in the Pittsburgh district, turning out the finer grades of steel. More than 5,000 men are employed in the two plants when they are operating on full time.